

## INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES

Only candidates running as members of one of California's seven qualified political parties are eligible to participate in the primary election process. Thus, the independent nomination provisions of Part 2 of Division 8 of the Elections Code, beginning at Section 8300, were established to provide a method for the nomination of nonpartisan candidates to partisan public offices. There is no limitation to the number of independent candidates who can be nominated and placed on the ballot at the general election, provided each meets the legal requirements.

To be eligible as an independent candidate at the general election, the potential candidate:

- 1) Cannot have filed as a partisan candidate at the primary election and have been defeated for the party's nomination at that primary election; and,
- 2) Cannot have been registered to vote in California since October 7, 1999, as being affiliated with a qualified political party (i.e., Democratic, Republican, American Independent, Green, Libertarian, Natural Law, or Reform).

The number of signatures of qualified registered voters which must appear on the nomination papers of persons seeking an independent candidacy is based on the previous general election's registration figures. Depending on the office sought, nomination papers require either one or three percent of the number of registered voters in the election jurisdiction as of October 7, 1998. The charts on the following pages provide the specific signature requirements for each district.

Independent candidates for legislative offices are required to file declarations of intention during the pre-primary filing period for partisan candidates (November 1-November 10, 1999). §8350

Independent Candidates for U.S. Senate Number of Signatures Required to Place Candidate on November 7, 2000 General Election Ballot	
U.S. Senate	149,692

Independent Candidates for Congress  
Number of Signatures Required to Place  
Candidate on November 7, 2000 General Election Ballot

<i>Congressional District</i>	<i>Oct. 1998 Voter Reg.</i>	<i>Required Signatures*</i>	<i>Congressional District</i>	<i>Oct. 1998 Voter Reg.</i>	<i>Required Signatures*</i>
1	330,332	9,910	27	297,487	8,925
2	351,403	10,543	28	294,759	8,843
3	327,442	9,824	29	336,645	10,100
4	396,321	11,890	30	155,611	4,669
5	318,823	9,565	31	190,713	5,722
6	346,148	10,385	32	263,786	7,914
7	302,866	9,086	33	118,849	3,566
8	353,912	10,618	34	237,679	7,131
9	328,987	9,870	35	205,910	6,178
10	392,530	11,776	36	333,923	10,018
11	286,835	8,606	37	213,266	6,398
12	300,219	9,007	38	274,125	8,224
13	285,775	8,574	39	277,945	8,339
14	302,892	9,087	40	297,356	8,921
15	318,071	9,543	41	253,140	7,595
16	232,086	6,963	42	249,447	7,484
17	272,978	8,190	43	287,565	8,627
18	285,822	8,575	44	284,881	8,547
19	312,172	9,366	45	287,443	8,624
20	208,380	6,252	46	154,920	4,648
21	293,343	8,801	47	338,871	10,167
22	350,831	10,525	48	341,537	10,247
23	325,365	9,761	49	336,215	10,087
24	331,548	9,947	50	227,355	6,821
25	309,715	9,292	51	355,318	10,660
26	187,441	5,624	52	302,202	9,067

\*Independent candidates for Congress need registered voter signatures equaling 3% of the previous general election's registration total in the district.

Independent Candidates for State Senate  
Number of Signatures Required to Place  
Candidate on November 7, 2000 General Election Ballot

<i>Senate Districts</i>	<i>Oct. 1998 Voter Reg.</i>	<i>Required Signatures*</i>
1	506,347	15,191
3	469,905	14,098
5	410,381	12,312
7	473,466	14,204
9	417,099	12,513
11	420,556	12,617
13	308,352	9,251
15	373,470	11,205
17	389,854	11,696
19	419,542	12,587
21	379,328	11,380
23	458,940	13,769
25	283,724	8,512
27	389,511	11,686
29	381,019	11,431
31	389,183	11,676
33	412,052	12,362
35	421,234	12,638
37	404,800	12,144
39	426,925	12,808

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Independent Candidates for State Assembly  
Number of Signatures Required to Place Candidate  
on November 7, 2000 General Election Ballot

<i>Assembly District</i>	<i>Oct. 1998 Voter Reg.</i>	<i>Required Signatures*</i>	<i>Assembly District</i>	<i>Oct. 1998 Voter Reg.</i>	<i>Required Signatures*</i>
1	231,003	6,931	41	236,206	7,087
2	205,038	6,152	42	222,734	6,683
3	234,460	7,034	43	168,768	5,064
4	271,887	8,157	44	210,560	6,317
5	226,354	6,791	45	107,698	3,231
6	225,078	6,753	46	67,046	2,012
7	214,746	6,443	47	189,045	5,672
8	208,855	6,266	48	118,342	3,551
9	182,373	5,472	49	133,336	4,001
10	234,781	7,044	50	84,307	2,530
11	206,948	6,209	51	150,485	4,515
12	213,751	6,413	52	133,239	3,998
13	244,827	7,345	53	228,645	6,860
14	227,896	6,837	54	202,960	6,089
15	266,518	7,996	55	138,349	4,151
16	189,203	5,677	56	186,551	5,597
17	175,600	5,268	57	127,108	3,814
18	194,964	5,849	58	156,457	4,694
19	180,543	5,417	59	200,710	6,022
20	180,632	5,419	60	180,309	5,410
21	205,515	6,166	61	140,963	4,229
22	179,426	5,383	62	144,064	4,322
23	128,926	3,868	63	207,133	6,214
24	215,041	6,452	64	167,213	5,017
25	219,747	6,593	65	182,050	5,462
26	177,263	5,318	66	229,731	6,892
27	206,838	6,206	67	205,142	6,155
28	166,632	4,999	68	142,332	4,270
29	202,582	6,078	69	81,065	2,432
30	148,333	4,450	70	216,092	6,483
31	125,023	3,751	71	227,576	6,828
32	204,721	6,142	72	184,476	5,535
33	213,517	6,406	73	202,947	6,089
34	188,339	5,651	74	213,622	6,409
35	243,126	7,294	75	231,078	6,933
36	201,515	6,046	76	206,281	6,189
37	205,382	6,162	77	194,882	5,847
38	214,160	6,425	78	220,644	6,620
39	112,782	3,384	79	128,801	3,865
40	152,191	4,566	80	173,722	5,212

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